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July 11, 2006

Secretary of State
Capital Building
500 East Capital Ave., Ste 204
Pierre, SD 57501

Dear Secretary Nelson:

The South Dakota Humanities Council would like to raffle an assortment of special edition and autographed books at our annual South Dakota Festival of Books, scheduled for September 22-24 in Sioux Falls. The raffle would start as soon as possible with the conclusion occurring on September 23. Tickets will be sold at a nominal cost across the state in an effort to promote the Festival of Books and educate people about programs offered by the Humanities Council. All proceeds from the sale of the raffle tickets will benefit the Humanities Council's Center for the Book program.

The mission of the South Dakota Humanities Council Center for the Book is "to celebrate the written word in South Dakota, extol the rich heritage of the state, and encourage authorship, literacy and reading." Annually, the programs of the Center for the Book serve thousands. Along with the Festival of Books, we offer One Book South Dakota, Letters about Literature and The Big Read. Our programs touch the lives of young and old, urban and rural alike.

Please advise us if any additional paperwork is needed. You can contact us by phone at 605/688-6113 if you have any further questions. Thank you for your time and consideration of this project.

Sincerely yours,

Rebecca Schenk
Board Member
South Dakota Humanities Council